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SUBJ: NAS EXCHANGE SCIENTIST, GEORGE HART

1. PROFESSOR GEORGE HART, NAS EXCHANGE SCIENTIST PRESENTLY IN MOSCOW, WAS INFORMED BY SOVIET ACADEMY ON APRIL 17 THAT HE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN THE USSR PAST JUNE 6, 1974.
2. HART WISHES TO REMAIN IN THE USSR THROUGH AUGUST 7 IN ORDER TO COMPLETE FIRST DRAFT REPORT OF HIS RESEARCH PROJECT AND TO CHECK RESULTS WITH SOVIET COLLEAGUES. THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY, WHERE HART IS WORKING, HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE ACADEMY SUPPORTING HIS PLAN TO EXTEND HIS STAY FOR TWO MONTHS. IN ADDITION, HART'S CHIEF SOVIET COLLEAGUE HAS ASSURED HIM THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING THAT PERIOD FOR CONSULTATION.
3. DESPITE ABOVE, ACADEMY TOLD HART THAT HE SHOULD HAVE ALREADY FINISHED HIS PROJECT AND THAT HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUES WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE SUMMER. EARLIER, HART HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM MOSKALEV OF ACADEMY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH HIS EXTENDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS.

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4. HART IS DISAPPOINTED BY TURNDOWN OF EXTENSION

REQUEST AND WOULD APPRECIATE NAS'S INTERCESSION IN
HIS BEHALF TO OBTAIN EXTENSION.

5. PLEASE ADVISE NAS PLANS REGARDING HART EXTENSION.
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